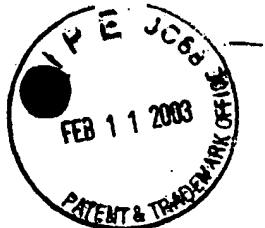


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This AMENDMENT is responsive to a Non-final Office Action dated July 25, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to three (3) months from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before October 25, 2002.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL NO. EU788311256US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on January 24, 2003.

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